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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Group Art Unit:
NICOLE BRU-MAGNIEZ et al Examiner:
Serial No: National Phase of PCT/FR99/00185
Filed: concurrently herewith
For: NOVEL SURFACTANT COPOLYMERS BASED ON METHYLIDENE
MALONATE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the
above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Page 30, line 1, change "CLAIMS" to --WHAT IS CLAIMED
IS:--

Please cancel claims 2 to 10 without prejudice or
disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, and add the
following claims 11 to 22:

--11. Biocompatible copolymer comprising at least one
sequence having a hydrophilic character and at least one
sequence having a hydrophobic character, wherein said sequence
having a hydrophobic character is selected from the group

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